

In the Abstract of the Disclosure:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A method ~~is disclosed for remote monitoring of a premises, comprising the steps of operatively coupling a~~ for remote monitoring of a premises. A geographically remote client ~~is operatively coupled~~ to a security system server ~~which is~~ capable of authenticating a user of the remote client, ~~operatively coupling the client. The remote client is then operably coupled~~ to a security gateway ~~which is~~ capable of managing the monitoring of the premises, activating a signal at the premises for notifying an occupant at the premises that remote monitoring is occurring, and transferring information between the security gateway and the remote client. The transfer of information between the security gateway and the remote client is controlled by the user of the remote client. The security gateway may be operably coupled to at last one camera at the premises and to at least one audio station at the premises.